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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:

**Nicholas M. Ryan**

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SECURING DIGITAL ASSETS USING TIME-BASED SECURITY CRITERIA**

Assigned to: PSS Systems, Inc.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **24** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **8** Sheets of formal Drawings  
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Non-publication Request is attached.  
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
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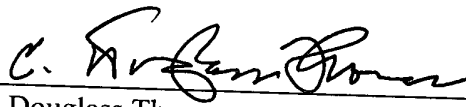
☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SSL1P022).

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